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Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30PM

Attendance: Natalie Kissel, Linda Burns, Nancy Koorapaty, Brian Long, Cheryl Barbato, Debbie Bohrer, Mark Bohrer, Kim Hearst, Linda Pegalis, Martin McGrath, Kristine Murphy, Jen Kooken, Susan Francoeur, Kim Marroni, Karen Bussell, Justin Smalley, Dan Cummings, Christine Gaede, Heather Ursu

- The minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance as of today: \$36,978
 - We still have lots of outstanding expenses, but we currently have \$8,500 expected extra at the end of the year.
 - NAMS is not doing Great East (or MICCA) this year.
 - Nancy recommended that we order more plume totes; she will look into it when she orders additional band items this spring.
- The treasurer's report was approved.

Band Director's Report

- NAHS Spring concert: May 24
- Uniforms: Justin has been in touch with the uniform company. They let you design your own uniform (choosing from some specific items), send it to them, they do a mock up, and then you approve it. The turn-around for uniform production is approximately 150 days. The cost will range between \$400-500 per set, which includes the jacket and shako. Based on the MS band student enrollment, 150 sets would be a safe number. Justin will plan to put some designs together for the next meeting to get feedback. We should plan to discuss a sub-committee for fundraising at our next meeting.
- Stipends: Most students have completed applications for reimbursement.
- March is Music in the Schools Month: "Knight at the Movies" is scheduled for next Thursday, March 29th. We can offer popcorn and water. It should last approximately 45 minutes.
- Show reveal: The theme and music are set, we are just waiting on the arranger. It should be complete by mid-April, and we'll do the reveal in May. We should be sure to connect with NAMS to to invite incoming 8th graders.
- Awards night: Justin agreed that last year's timing and structure worked well. Justin will do the use-of-facilities form for June 4th at 7PM.

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- NESBA: Justin confirmed we will host NESBA on September 29th (with no other shows that day). WPI is interested in coming. NESBA finals will be on a Saturday and there are no other NESBA dates on Sundays. Martin submitted the use-of-facilities form.

Chorus Director's Report (via email)

- Canada trip was amazing
- The trip meeting and cookie pick up is March 27th.
- MICCA is this Sunday. Busses leave at 10 and return by 7. Any ensemble receiving gold will perform in Worcester on Sunday, April 8th.
- Boston trip is coming up on April 13-15th.
- Friday, April 6th: 10th Anniversary Coffee House – Black Tie (formal attire)
- Sara has requested a loan to help cover costs of Boston trip until fundraising is complete. Kim will request specific information to relay to the group in case we need to vote (via email) before our next meeting.

Old Business

- Scarlet & Black trip complete – lots of good videos available

New Business

- NAMA Scholarships (deadline extended to March 21 at midnight)
 - As of now, we have 6 applications.
- Color Guard Needs: For fall, we will likely have 15-20 members. NAMA will work to develop a budget to cover the cost of reasonable show-related items. Elaina suggested including MS students in Color Guard. Justin identified some hurdles – time commitment, scheduling, communication, etc., and the need to work with the principals to make it happen. There will be an information meeting on April 10th and Elaina will connect with Chris Nelson to promote it at the MS. Color Guard can do fundraising for other activities (winter guard, jackets, etc.) but shouldn't feel the need to fundraise for show costs.
- Band Calendar: Heather Ursu volunteered to create a band calendar for fundraising purposes. There was some question around timing for an AY versus CY calendar. Cheryl and Senay will connect with Heather to further develop the plan and present it at a future meeting.
- NAMA support for NAMS events: Anna Choi will be our representative for next year.
- Awards for Thomson Elementary Students: Mark will order awards for presentation at the Thomson Concert on June 7th.
- Chorus Uniform Collection and Cleaning Update: Vicki will coordinate collecting; NAMA will cover the cost and coordination of washing/cleaning them.

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- MICCA Competition Support: NAMS is not doing MICCA; a request for NAHS chaperones has already been sent out.
- Knight at the Movies – Senay, Cheryl and Kristine will coordinate food. Karen will request chorus volunteers.
- NAMA Membership – Discussion of NAMA Bylaws definition of membership
 - Original bylaws stated \$10 donation; updated bylaws say membership fee or gift in-kind; membership form says \$25-74. Linda will update the form to remove the reference to membership for the \$25-74 donation amount to align with the by-laws.
 - Additional note: we will need to specify May meeting is our Annual Meeting, in accordance with our by-laws.
- NAMA Board Members for next year
 - Corresponding Secretary OPEN
 - Chorus Volunteer Coordinator OPEN
 - President OPEN – Kristine?

Any other business

- Uniforms are being dry-cleaned; Nancy needs help sorting them when they come back and participants for a uniform repair party.
- April 3 - All Town Band Festival: we'll do a 50-50 and sell cushions (and other swag?)
- NAMS Jazz Band MAJE conflicts with the May 8th NAMA meeting so we'll move our May Annual meeting to Monday, May 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03.

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